

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

MARI DANIEL, individually and as the  
Personal Representative of the Estate of  
MELVIN DANIEL, and as Guardian for the  
minor children, M.A. DANIEL, DOB  
6/13/90, & B.A. DANIEL, DOB 6/28/93, and  
MARI DANIEL, as the Personal  
Representative of the Estate of FRED  
RAMISKEY,

Plaintiffs,

v.

THE COLEMAN COMPANY, INC., a  
Delaware corporation,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 06-5706 KLS

MINUTE ENTRY REGARDING  
COORDINATED MOTIONS AND  
DISCOVERY

On October 15, 2007 the undersigned entered an order directing the parties to meet and confer (Dkt. #63) and set a due date of November 2, 2007. Each party timely filed their response to the Court's order. (Dkt. #67 - 69).

The directive by this Court was made with regard to two concerns. The first was the obvious filing of duplicative motions in the *Ongpituk* case and the *Daniel* case. As the Court noted, this duplication "does not make good use of counsel's time or judicial resources." At this time it appears, based on the responses, that there likely will be no more duplicative motions filed in the two cases. Should that occur, the undersigned will *sua sponte* make a determination as to how the duplicate motion in this case will be

1 resolved.

2 The second concern was with regard to coordinated use of discovery. More specifically, the Court  
3 was concerned about duplicating discovery for both cases, such as unnecessarily taking a deposition of the  
4 same witness twice. The responses filed on behalf of the parties appear to be more concerned with the use  
5 at trial of depositions which have already been taken. That is an evidentiary concern which the  
6 undersigned did not intend to be resolved in a coordinated plan.

7 Further, based in the information made available to the court and in light of the discovery cut off  
8 date in *Ongpituk*, there appears to be no need, at this time, for the type of order contemplated by the  
9 Court.

10 DATED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2007.

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14 United States Magistrate Judge  
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